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VALE MORNING SITUATION REPORT FOR: 7-24-03

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	BAKER FIRE DANGER (352420-C)	E
REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	4	MALHEUR FIRE DANGER (353616)	M
VALE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL:	3	JORDAN FIRE DANGER (353612-A)	H

BAKER RA:

MP 310: Human caused fire just south of Baker. 20 acres. 5 engines used for initial attack.
Contained/controlled 7/23.

MALHEUR RA:

No new fires.

JORDAN RA:

No new fires.

COMMENTS:

No SRV Crews available

3 SRV Crews are on the Balcony House fire in Colorado.

5 SRV crews and 1 (IARR) are on the Fawn Peak Fire in Washington.

Vale IHC have returned home for two days of R and R.

1 (BCMG) and 1 SRV Crewe are on the Hot Creek incident in Idaho.

2 SRV Crews are on the East Table Fire in Wyoming.

1 employee is on the Link fire as an EDRC.

1 employee is on the Middle Fork incident in Washington.

5 SRV crews and 1 (IARR) are at the Smoke Fire in California.

McMullen Fire: Assisted Burns BLM in initial attack. 10 acres. Air attack, Type III helo, and 5 engines used for initial attack. Contained/controlled: 7/23.

WEATHER:

Vale Weather: Partly cloudy and smokey. Isolated wet thunderstorms.

Temp 91-101, Rh's 15-25%, Winds NW 10-15 mph, Haines 5 (moderate) LAL 2.

Pendleton Weather: Partly cloudy with slight chance showers and thunderstorms.

Temps 87-90, Rh's 24-29%, winds NW 7-10 mph, Haines 4 (low) LAL 2

DEFINITIONS:

LAL (Lightning Activity Level): A numerical rating from the lowest of 1 to the highest of 6, keyed to the start of thunderstorms and the frequency and character of cloud-to-ground lightning forecasted or observed on a rating area during a rating period.

Haines Index: A national fire-weather index based on the stability and moisture content of the lower atmosphere and their direct relationship to the growth of large fires. The index is from 2-6 with 2 being the lowest potential for large fire growth while 6 is the highest large fire growth potential.